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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF  
RECLAMATION; DAVID BERNHARDT,  
in his official capacity as Secretary of the  
Interior; BRENDA BURMAN, in her  
official capacity as Commissioner of the  
United States Bureau of Reclamation;  
ERNEST CONANT, in his official capacity  
as U.S. Bureau of Reclamation California-  
Great Basin Regional Director; and UNITED  
STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE  
INTERIOR

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-01814-DAD-EPG

**FEDERAL DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT**

On March 4, 2021, the Court entered a Minute Order requiring the Federal Defendants to notify the Court whether or not they wished to continue to pursue their motion to dismiss in light of the recent change of administration. In response to the Court's Order, the Federal Defendants moved for a 60-day stay. The Court granted the motion to stay, and gave the Federal Defendants

until May 12, 2021 to file a status report detailing whether they wish to continue pursuing their motion to dismiss.

The Federal Defendants intend to defend this case and two other closely related cases: *North Coast Rivers Alliance v. United States Department of the Interior*, No. 1:16-cv-00307-DAD-SKO (hereinafter, “North Coast”) and *Center for Biological Diversity v. United States Bureau of Reclamation*, No. 1:20-cv-00706-DAD-EPG (hereinafter, “CBD”). Therefore, the Federal Defendants are not withdrawing their pending motion to dismiss and will be filing a motion to consolidate this case with the *North Coast* and *CBD* cases in the near future.

Dated: May 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 12, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of the filing to all parties.

/s/ J. Scott Thomas  
JEFFREY SCOTT THOMAS